Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Regular Meeting Agenda

Los Angeles City Hall - Room 361
(In person attendance required for CFAC members to count toward quorum) February 6, 2025, 1-3:00 pm

Zoom Video Conference 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. (Pacific)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89536583370
Meeting ID: 895 3658 3370
One tap mobile
+16694449171,,89536583370# US
+16699006833,,89536583370# US (San Jose)
Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdC2zMHFEP
(No passcode required)

Community Forest Advisory Committee | Department of Public Works

CD 1 Angelic Perez CD 10 Brent Green
CD 1 Lynnette Kampe, Alternate CD 10 Theresa Maysonet,Alternate CD 2 Joanne D'Antonio, Chair CD 11 Isabelle Duvivier
CD 3 Mihran Kalaydjian, Vice Chair CD 11 Carolyn LoBuglio, Alternate CD 4 Deanne Paul CD 12 Marianne King
CD 4 Adele Slaughter, Alternate CD 13 Scott Fajack
CD 5 Charles Miller CD 13 Cyndi Hubach, Alternate CD 5 Mindy Mann, Alternate CD 14 Jack Smith
CD 6 Veronica Lopez CD 15 Gwendolyn Henry, Secretary CD 7 Pablo Cardoso Mayor's Representative Sejal Patel CD 8 Robin Gilliam Mayor's Rep. Michael Bircumshaw, CD 9 Vacant Alternate

Members of the public are invited to participate. Under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that is brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by a member of the public may be added to the agenda for future meetings. Members of the public can also provide comments on an agenda item when it is being considered.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A. Call to Order - Chair Joanne D'Antonio **(1 minute)**
B. Roll Call and Determination of quorum (9) - Gwendolyn Henry **(1 minute)** *In the event there is no quorum present, Motion items and discussions of motion items will*

be tabled until the next meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS - We acknowledge the original stewards of what is now Los Angeles County: the Kizh-Gabrieleño, Tongva, Chumash, Tataviam, Kitanemuk, Serrano, Luiseno and Cahuilla people. We commit to uplifting the names of these lands and the community members from more than 200 California First Nations who reside among us, and we honor their Traditional Ecological Knowledge. **(1 minute)**

A. Welcome Comments - Joanne D'Antonio, Chair **(1 minute)** Angelic Perez is officially the new CD 1 Representative and Michael Bircumshaw is the new Mayor's Alternate CFAC representative who is hosting our 2025 Google Drive.

B. Chair Report/Announcements - Joanne D'Antonio **(3 minutes)**

1. Due to a procedural error, the motion to send Brush clearance letter voted at 12/5/2024 CFAC meeting was invalid. It is being referred back to the Brush Clearance ad hoc Committee to reconsider after hearing from our guest, Travis Longcore who will need to be scheduled later in the spring due to a conflict with his teaching schedule..
2. Brief update on Landscape Ordinance
3. Final Recirculated Environmental Impact Report for the Sidewalk Repair Program was released January 28, 2025 and includes responses to CFAC's comment letter and other comment letters. It is available at this link: Final Recirculated Environmental Impact Report
4. La Brea Tar Pits FEIR released. CFO of the Natural History Museum had meeting with NCSA who had submitted a comment letter.. Bird issues appear to be resolved but still removing at least 150-200 trees and installing underground stormwater capture compromising the tar pits historic ecosystem. FEIR available at this site: https://tarpits.org/la-brea-tar-pits-master-plan-final-eir
5. Inviting Diana Nicole and Travis Longcore to join ad hoc Brush Clearance Committee
6. CFAC member Adele Slaughter, if in attendance, will be acting as Parliamentarian to handle the meeting procedure script.

3. Motion to approve minutes of CFAC Meetings held July 11, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2024. Lynnette Kampe -Links:

CFAC Draft Minutes, 07.11.2024 - Google Docs

CFAC Draft Minutes, 10.03.2024 - Google Docs.docx

CFAC Draft Minutes, 11.07.2024 - Google Docs.docx

CFAC Draft Minutes 12.05.2024.docx

Motion to re-appoint CFAC Secretary. (10 minutes)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Limited to 2 min. per person,10 **minutes maximum.**

5. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL UPDATES (limited to 1 min. each, **maximum 10 min.**)

6. NEW BUSINESS -

Discussion item: (Rachel Malarich to facilitate)

OFM seeks to have a preliminary discussion on urban forestry educational materials and resources that our Advisory Committee views as beneficial in light of the recent local

disaster.

Potential motion for the development of an Ad Hoc Committee for further consideration.

(45 min)

7. MOTION to Approve CFAC letter to Colonel Eric Swenson, Army Corps of Engineers (10 minutes)

Letter_Col_Swenson_PacPal_JD revision.docx

8. Proposed removal of 6.7 miles of street trees (approximately 500) on Van Nuys Blvd. to narrow sidewalks by 2 feet each side of the street for Metro construction project (East SFV Light Rail), this between the Van Nuys Civic Center and San Fernando Road. Tree removals were not cited in Final EIR, but 3 years later cited in an EIR Addendum with questionable circulation to the public. **Motion to send letter to City Officials and Metro questioning the decision to create what amounts to 20 years of canopy loss in a tree equity area and its insufficient public outreach for this plan during the planning process. (10 minutes)**

- **EIR Addendum link Addendum Sept '23 to FEIR East SFV Light Rail.pdf ● Final EIR FEIR Sept 2020 East SFV Light Rail.pdf(this large file has to be downloaded to view, listed here to show that trees were not included in this EIR) ● Link to many of the Van Nuys Blvd. tree photos Van Nuys Blvd. trees ● Link to the draft letter from CFAC: Draft letter re Van Nuys Bl tree removals.docx**

9. Consideration of letter from Kathleen Whitaker of the Onteora Hillside Alliance and Possible Motion. (5 minutes)

Letter from Kathleen Whitaker RE Onteora tree removals.docx

10. Motion to request CFAC representation on Mayor's ED 9 group that includes parks and green space upgrades.
See:
https://mayor.lacity.gov/news/mayor-bass-signs-executive-directive-repair-streets-clean-parks-and-enhance-infrastructure (2 minutes)

11. Time permitting: CITY FOREST OFFICER RACHEL MALARICH SPECIAL REPORT - Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) pre-draft presentation. For your review:
Draft UFMP Executive Summary for CFAC_01.2025.pdf

12. Department Oral Updates - (5 minutes)

A. Recreation and Parks
B. Urban Forestry Division - Protected Tree & Shrub Photo Guide on UFD website
C. City Forest Officer, Rachel Malarich - See Item 6
D. BPW New commissioners - No contact with CFAC as yet.
E. CityPlants - Free trees only available in tree equity areas.
F. Department of Building & Safety (LADBS)
G. LA DCP Protected Tree one-page informational and photo guide
https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/555281f6-f5ef-44e9-b094-1fce25c1c4dc
H.Other Government Representatives

13. CFAC priorities for 2025 - email your top 5 priorities to Lynnette Kampe by Feb. 21 to be included in the survey. cfac.cd01@gmail.com (1 minute)

14. SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS (time permitting)

A. Ad hoc Protected Tree & Shrub Subcommittee follow-up report - Lynnette Kampe (2 minutes)

B. Ad hoc Brush Clearance Subcommittee - Cyndi Hubach (2 minutes)

15. PENDING ITEMS - (time permitting)

A. Tree Guarantee Fee plantings and new fee structure
B. Status of grants for biodiversity medians (LASAN & UFD)
C. CD 8 Marqueece Harris-Dawson CF 15-0499-S2 & Report backs
D. Trees for Biodiversity motion (CFAC) & CF: 22-1469 (sponsors no longer on City Council) E. ROW (Right of Way) tree protection during construction draft guidelines - CFO F. ROW Master Species List implementation - UFD
G. Implement Motion to BPW on providing tree removal transmittals to CFAC
H. Update on Proposed median Survey - StreetsLA
I. SB 1425 – Open Space Elements of General Plan to be updated by 2026
J. Negative impacts of Artificial Turf
K. No tree removal notifications to CFAC and DONE - ways to deal with lack of notices
L. Tree over-trimming by billboard companies - possible action in March?
M. CF 24-1312 Withholding Certificate of Occupancy until mitigation trees are planted
N. 24-1228 amendment - tree spacing guidelines review
O. Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and Point System - to be heard at full City Council
P. BOE Street Design Manual
Q. PTO revision
R. CFAC Letters to be reports on Council Files instead of in Public Comment - Adrin Nazarian is supporting

16. ADJOURNMENT *Next Meeting March 6, Regular Meeting*

For questions regarding agendas, please contact Lynnette Kampe at CFAC.CD01@gmail.com. CFAC regularly meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. You may subscribe to receive future meeting agenda notification at: https://lacity.gov/government/subscribe-agendas/boards-commissions-committees (Select the 4th box down.)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES/READING: Learn about CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act at this site: https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/